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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

ATKINSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/505,209

Filed: February 16, 2000

Atty. File No.: 2265-11-1

For: "DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
REGENERATION AND REPAIR
OF CARTILAGE LESIONS"

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

) Group Art Unit: 1633

) Examiner:

) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
) OF TIME

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BY: Constance Robnett

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from August 9, to September 9, 2001.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 as payment for the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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